South. Malabar to Calicut and to Palghat and from there to Ottappalam, and so on. I only request the Government will be pleased to consider once again this matter in view of the submissions made.

Execution proceedings—classified statement of.

332. Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—With reference to Question No. 425, dated 11th August 1933 regarding a classified statement of execution proceedings, will the Government give the information pertaining to 1109 and 1110 or any one single typical month during that period?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—A statement showing the particulars for Karkadagam 1109 and Chigam 1110 is appended. (*Vide Appendix II.*)

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Sir, a large number of execution proceedings are given here. Is it desirable to allow so many execution proceedings against the agriculturists before final orders are passed on the Antony Committee Report and before the completion of their own debt redemption scheme?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Work in the Courts cannot be interfered with and law should be allowed to take its course.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Is not the idea of this loan distribution that land must be fairly largely distributed?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—The Antony Committee has not said anything like it. The redemption lays down no principle with regard to land distribution. It only trys to help the poor agriculturists who have been affected by the fall in prices. It does not lay down any principle with regard to the distribution of land among the peasantry or among the landed proprietors of the State.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—The principle is not laid down in so many words. But the spirit of the loan distribution is that.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Not that I read in the Proceedings.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Then, what the Government has actually done by this scheme?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Government have not taken up the question regarding land distribution at all. They have never had this problem before them.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Whenever you want to help the agriculturists this must crop up.

President:—That is another thing.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Am I to take it, pending final orders on the Antony Committee Report and the completion of their own debt

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redemption scheme, they do not intend to order any interim stay in this matter?

Rama Varmha Tamupran:—Yes.

Mr. K .M. Ibrahim:—What is 'yes'?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—The Hon'ble Member is correct in his presumption. He asked me whether he is not correct. I said yes.'

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—I read out the other day some of the expressed promises made by the Government on the floor of this House that such a Proclamation will be issued.

President:— The Hon'ble Member wil please confine to the question in hand.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—The question is about the interim stay of execution proceedings. I am now referring to the Government the promise made by them on this very same subject, and which I had occasion to read out to them while discussing a cut motion. A definite promise was made by the Government that final orders will be issued including a Proclamation which would say that there must be an interim stay in this matter. What has the Government to say on these promises?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—The Hon'ble Member read out a statement and the Government did not accept the contention of the Hon'ble Member.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Was there not a promise that a proclamation would be issued in this connection?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:— That question was specifically answered day before yesterday.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—What is it please? Since this question came now I am asking to kindly give that answer today.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—I submit it is unusual to ask the Government to repeat what they have clearly stated one or two days previous in the same meeting. If the President allows I shall repeat what I said the other day.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— I may submit that no answer was given as I heard it and it was reported in the press that the Hon'ble Member kept silent when this question was put. The Government member did not answer. There is no use telling things like this.

President:—Please tell him once more.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—Government have passed some orders in connection with the Antony Committee report. Further orders are pending. Final orders will be passed. Government had at no stage said that any Proclamation will be issued. The

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Hon'ble Member is mistaken in thinking that there was a definite promise.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Did not the Hon'ble Member make a specific mention of a Proclamation.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran—We are not on that point now.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—The question is whether the Government promised definitely thatan interim stay order will be issued?

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—No such promise was made by the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Did not the Government promise that a proclamation will be issued? Naturally there cannot be any other action. There was no other question of proclamation except this.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—That has been answered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—By what time do the Hon'ble Member hope that final orders will be passed on the Antony Committee's recomendations?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I cannot give any definite reply

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—At least an approximate date.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I regret I am not in a posltion to say.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—How long has it been under the consideration of the Government How many months have passed since the report was published?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—About 8 to 10 months.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Why does the Government want such a long time?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—They want time to pass orders.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know, Sir, in view of the large number of execution proceedings, will the Government be pleased to issue orders staying these execution proceedings against property till such a time as the Government may find it convenient to doll out 20 lakhs of rupees amongst these persons?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Except what they have done already they have no intention to do anything further in the matter as suggested by the Hon'ble Member for Mulakunnathukavu. I find from the statement appended that 31 Execution Proceedings in the Trichur District Court, 102 in the Vadakanchery Munsiff's Court, 220 in the Trichur Munsiff's Court and 66 in the Chittur Munsiff's Court are pending against property in Makaram 1110. Most of thes persons are applicants for the loan from the Government. Their cases are being considered by the Government. In view of thatfact cannot the Government move in the matter and stay the execution for some time or till such time as they will be able to decide the cases of these various petitione'rs

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loans one way or the other. If Government take one or two months to distribute the loan what is the use of giving that loan. Could you not therefore move in the matter?

President:—That has been answered by the Hon'ble Secretary.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—All that is to be done in the matter has already been done in the several proceedings by the Government on the subject. There is no intention at the moment to do anything further on the point.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—Will the Government be pleased to consider the desirability of moving in the matter, now that a large number of execution proceedings are pending and the Government is expected to doll out these amounts soon if the security is considered satisfactory? They may probably have decided to do a set of things. But I want the Government further to consider the advisability of doing this.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I have answered that at present there is no intention to do anything further. It is the most intelligible answer that I could give.

Mr. M. A. Chakko:—May I know the earliest date on which the first loan will be given to the people?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—We are trying to expedite the whole thing. As early as possible the first loan will be given.

Mr. M. A Chakko:—What is the reason for the Government to wait till all the petitions are disposed of?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—It may not be necessary to wait till all the petitions are enquired into.

Mr. M. A. Chakko:—May I know the approximate date when orders will be issued?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Orders will be issued very soon. There is no use in giving the approximate period in weeks or months. Order will depend upon so many factors. Any unforeseen circumstances may crop up during the consideration of the matter. I do not want to risk the Government by giving approximate dates. It is not possible.

Mr. M. A. Chakko:—Will it be before the re-opening of the Court?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I can only say that not a moment will be lost. Government is absolutely earnest about it.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:—May I know Sir, what is the difficulty in issuing stay orders till the amounts are decided to be given?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—To give a straight reply to this technical question I would ask for notice.

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Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Does not one of the recommendations of the Antony Committee relate to these interim stay question?

Rama Vramha Tampuran:—I think there was a reference to it. I don't know whether it was unanimous or not, I have not got the report here.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— In view of the fact that the Government have started a debt redemption scheme why not the Government give some prominence to this part of the recommendations of the committee. Why not they give some prominence to this particular aspect of the recommendations namely interim stay of execution proceedings?

President:— The Hon'ble member will confine himself to the question.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Iam now on the interim stay.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— The report is under consideration and orders will be passed as soon as possible.

Dr. A. R. Menon:— How long has it been under their consideration?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I have answered that question. It is about 8 or ten months.

Dr. A. R. Menon:— We want to know why an intermediate order should not be issued?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I claim notice, being a technical question.

Mr. P. Kumaran Ezhuthassan:— Will the Government be pleased to take these supplementary questions as notice to the Government for considering these aspects of the case and move in the matter ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— All the points raised in this council are automatically noted down and considered. No special promise is required with regard to this particular point. After each meeting all the points that are raised in this council by myself and my clerks are duly considered.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Was not this 20 lakhs of rupees granted as agricultural loan partially on the strength of the recommendations of the Antony Committee?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I do not want to answer on hazy memories. It is rather too risky for the Government.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— Even apart from that, is it not a fact that the subsequent 15 lakhs was granted partially because of the recommendations of the Antony Committee.

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— Yes. The question was raised first by the Antony Committee that the original loan should be

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extended if possible and further action was taken by the Government on that point.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:— If that can be done partially on the recommendations of the Committee why not you do things also partially. Why do you want this whole thing to go in a lump ?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:— I cannot understand the logic of the question. If one thing can be done partially why not another thing also be done partially ? Wherever the Government can pass orders individually they will do so. Wherever they think that orders can only be passed collectively they will do so.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—The logic is that both are important questions. This is more important than the first. Sir, my question now is, Government having granted the subsequent 15 lakhs on the strength of the recommendations of the Antony Committee, why not you pass orders regarding this interim stay in view of the fact that in the absence of such an order the very purpose for which this redemption scheme was passed, will be defeated?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—I have answered that before.

Mr. A. Sivarama Menon:—Sir, may I know whether the Government realise that unless these loans are granted without much delay several applicants who are debtors stand to lose their property?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Yes, Sir. The Government quite well realise the importance of the situation that these applications should be disposed of with the utmost despatch.

Dr. A. R. Menon:—Is it not a fact that the Government gave an assurance that the orders on the Antony Committee Report would be passed without much delay?

Rama Varmha Tampuran:—Government said as early as possible.

Dr. A. R. Menon:—Here is the answer "I think that in a few weeks final orders will be passed. I should not be surprised to find that orders passed within 8 or 10 days."

Mr. Thomas Manjuran:—Let us not forget that the words used are "I should not be surprised to find that orders passed within 8 or 10 days". We have given no definite assurance that orders will be passed, on a particular date. Are we trying to interpret word for word in this House when the Government are trying to do their best in this direction? They have already passed orders with regard to the loan scheme. With regard to other matters, Government find that they require some more consideration and they have not been able to pass orders till now. That is a fact.

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Dr. A. R. Menon:—But Government had promised that final orders will be passed within 10 days.

Mr. Thomas Manjuran—"I should not be surprised to find that orders passed within 8 or 10 days" Quite so. I am not surprised. That does not mean that final orders will be passed.

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—On a point of order, Sir. Are we advancing any further with this question or, are we fighting with words? There are other supplementary questions to be asked.

President:—The position has been very clearly explained. The Hon'ble the Law Member has said something and what he has said is recorded there. There is no doubt that at the first impression one is led to think that orders will be passed. But it has been explained now, that orders were passed. Other points required much more consideration which they are making now. What is the use of hammering upon the same thing.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim:—Sir, I may respectfully submit that he has expressly stated in so many words that action will be taken within 8 or 10 days.

President:—Even if it is so, the position has been explained by the Government now. What is the use of repeating the argument?

Mr. E. Ikkanda Warriar:—Sir, we are playing into their hands by not proceeding with the supplementary questions.

Digging of a canal from Eroor Thodu to the west up to the back-waters.

333. Mr. P. Raman Menon:—Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(a) whether they have received a petition dated 14th Karkidagam 1108 from Elambrakotath Manakkal Narayanan Namburipad and others and another reminder petition dated 30th Kanni 1109 from the said Narayanan Namburipad praying for the digging of a canal from Eroor Thodu to the west up to the back-waters on the western side of Vyttila?

(b) what action has the Government taken on the matter;

(c) whether it is a fact that the paddy fieds in Irimbanam, Eroor and the adjoining desoms are affected by floods every year?

Mr. Aravindaksha Menon:—(a) A petition on the subject; bearing no date, from Elambrakotath Manakkal Narayanan Namburipad and others was received on 31st July 1933 (16th Karkadagam 1108).

(b) The matter is under the consideration of Government.

(c) Floods in certain years had affected the paddy fields.

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